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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :  
(Based on PCT/WO00/39592)

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FOR: WEATHER VANE FOR :  
MEASURING THE ORIENTATION  
OF THE WIND, WITH BUILT-IN  
HEATER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice.

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Please add new claims 11-20 as follows:

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11. (New) A weather vane for measuring orientation of wind, comprising a rotary base, a vane sensitive to the wind and fixed by a joint to the base, and a heater inserted into the vane, wherein the vane is hollow and has an insertion orifice situated at the base of the vane so that the heater can be inserted.

12. (New) The weather vane as claimed in claim 11, wherein the heater is pressed against interior walls of the hollow vane by a spring preferably placed on just one of the